

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-7 and 16-19 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1, 8-10, 14, and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment and Claims 2, 5-7, and 16-19 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 2, 5-7, and 16-19 are supported by the original claims, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1 and 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Larsson et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20040196784). Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Larsson in view of Swartz et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20050040230). However, Claims 2-7 and 16-19 were objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but otherwise were indicated as including allowable subject matter if re-written in independent form. Claim 14 is allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claim 14 and the indication that Claims 2-7 and 16-19 include allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 8-10, and 15 are canceled making the present rejections on the merits moot.

Claims 2 and 16-19 are amended to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 5-7 are amended to depend from Claim 2.

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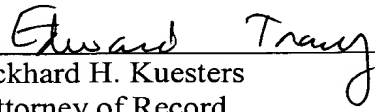
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Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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